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SUBJ: GREEK-SOVIET CONSULAR AGREEMENT INITIALLED

REF: ATHENS 1636 (NOTAL)

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND THE SOVIET UNION
INITIALLED A CONSULAR AGREEMENT IN ATHENS MARCH 17 BRINGING
TO AN END THEIR LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. IT
IS EXPECTED THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED WHEN THE
GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MOSCOW IN JUNE.

2. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFIRMED TO US
MARCH 20 THAT THE AGREEMENT IS ESSENTIALLY AS IT WAS
DESCRIBED TO US IN THE PAST (REFTEL), THAT IS, A STANDARD
CONSULAR CONVENTION WITHOUT ANY OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS
THAT WERE ONCE SOUGHT BY THE GOG.

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3. THE MFA ALSO REITERATED TO US MARCH 20 THAT THE
SOVIET UNION IS ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULATE IN
THESSALONIKI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FOR THEIR PART,
THE GREEKS HOPE TO OPEN A CONSULATE IN ODESSA. HOWEVER,
THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PROVISION IN THE AGREEMENT
REGARDING THE OPENING OF CONSULATES, ACCORDING TO
THE MFA, WHICH EXPECTS THIS SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED

BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. OUR MFA SOURCE TOLD US TWO MATTERS HAD TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE AN AGREEMENT COULD BE CONCLUDED: (A) THE AREA OF EACH CONSULATE'S JURISDICTION, WITH THE GOG PLANNING TO INSIST THAT THE ODESSA CONSULAR DISTRICT INCLUDE UZBEKISTAND AND OTHER AREAS IN WHICH SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ETHNIC GREEKS RESIDE, AND (B) THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THAT WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THE CONSULATES.

4. THE MFA ALSO TOLD US THAT CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS CONTINUE TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN ATHENS AND MOSCOW. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD SIGN THESE AGREEMENTS AT THE TIME OF HIS MOSCOW VISIT AS WELL IF NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY THEN.
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